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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 211 (Delegate Zirkin)
Judiciary

Task Force to Study Juvenile Transitional Correctional Facilities

This bill creates a 12-member Task Force to Study Juvenile Transitional Correctional Facilities. The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), in cooperation with other appropriate State and local units, shall provide staff support for the task force to the extent possible within existing budgeted resources. The task force must issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by October 31, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: It is expected that DJJ could staff the task force using existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no statutory provision for this task force.

Background: It is assumed that the term "juvenile transitional correctional facilities" refers to facilities in which juvenile offenders are placed after completing their time in a secured facility but before being released into society. Serious concerns have been raised about conditions in DJJ facilities and the operation and practices of the agency. The Governor has appointed a task force chaired by the Honorable Daniel Moylan to make recommendations improving DJJ's after care system by February 28, 2000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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